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MEMORANDUM FOR: (See Distribution)

SUBJECT : Joint Study Group Recommendations 21 - 23

REFERENCE : USIB-D-1.5/5, 10 March 1961

1. The representatives designated by USIB members met on 20 March 1961, to discuss the suggestions set forth in the attachment to USIB-D-1.5/5, and the general subject of requirements, as set forth in the Joint Study Group Report. With respect to the suggestions, the following actions were agreed to:

a. The Office of Central Reference (OCR) of CIA will initiate a trial experiment to put under machine control those requirements levied on the Contacts Division of CIA since 1 Jan 61. In conducting this experiment OCR will endeavor to make its system compatible with the punch card control systems now used by the Air Force to control its requirements. Additionally, OCR will consult with Army and Navy to ensure maximum compatibility with systems which these agencies may be adopting.

b. After considerable discussion it was agreed that "country guides," setting forth in succinct form the principal collection requirements and responsibilities of the agencies, including the clandestine services requirements as stated in the applicable Interagency Priorities Committee (IPC) list, would be a useful tool for chiefs of mission in carrying out their coordination responsibilities. It was also agreed that such "country guides" should not supersede or replace existing guidance and requirements levied upon collectors through their own departmental or agency channels. The Department of State member agreed to furnish each representative with a sample of the annual country guide being developed in the department. It was also agreed that in the preparation of the next guide in the series, the Department would ask for contributions from Army, Navy and Air Force concerning their needs from the country in question. The Department of State representative also expressed strongly the value and usefulness of achieving an exchange among the agencies, of requirements sent to each overseas area, including requirements for clandestine collection.

c. It was agreed that each agency would submit a list of its valid requirements which have not been accepted for collection by any collection component. The view was expressed that the number of such requirements would be quite small.

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d. It was agreed that the DCI's Coordination Staff would prepare a draft paper concerning the composition, functions, and method of operation of the central body or clearing house for reviewing requirements recommended by the Joint Study Group. This draft paper would be submitted to the representatives for their review and comments, and for discussion at a future meeting.

e. In view of the fact that the Security Committee of USIB, in connection with Recommendation 14, may identify categories of information which could then be reviewed by OCR to determine its possession of or access to such information, it was agreed to defer action on this item.

f. It was agreed that no action should be taken on this suggestion at this time.

2. Attached for your information are the texts of Recommendations 21, 22 and 23, as approved by the National Security Council (NSC), together with excerpts from the body of the Joint Study Group report pertaining to the recommendations and to the general subject of requirements.

3. The next meeting of the group will be held in the Director's Conference Room, 2nd floor, Administration Bldg., at 1400 hours on 3 April 1961.



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